


NOIR FOOD & WINE



Aperitifs (before & after dinner)

PORT

NV Kopke, Fine Tawny Porto	11.
2006 E.O.S., Late Harvest Zinfandel, Paso Robles	12.
NV Warres, Otima, 10 yr Tawny	12.
NV Wiese & Krohn, 10 yr Tawny	12.
NV Ramos Pinto, Collector's Porto	14.
2005 Quinta do Crasto, LBV, Porto	15.
1997 Quinta do Crasto, Vintage Porto	20.
NV Ferreira 20 yr Tawny	22.
1978 Kopke Colheita, Porto	25.
1961 Kopke Colheita, Porto	39.

<i>Kopke Port Flight</i>	\$14
<i>NV Fine Ruby Tawny, 1961 & 1978 Colheita Porto</i>	

SHERRY

NV Lustau, Light Fino, Jarana	8.
NV Lustau, Dry Amontillado, Los Arcos	8.
NV Lustau, Oloroso, Don Nuno	10.
NV Lustau, East India Sherry	10.

DESSERT WINES

2008 Laffourcade, L'Echarderie, France	8.
2009 Eberle, Muscat Canelli, Paso Robles	8.
2008 Fore Family, Late Harvest S Blanc, Napa	12.
2007 Chateau de Cosse, Sauternes	16.

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SPARKLING WINES (12 Choices)

(California/France/Italy)

NV	The Chook, Sparkling Shiraz (375ml)	24
NV	Domain Brazilier, (50% Chenin Blanc, 50% Pireau d'Aunis) Tourraine, France	30
NV	Jean Phillipe, Brut , Methode Champenoise	30
NV	Je T'Aime, Brut Rosé, Creamant Limoux	36
NV	Borgo Nevo, Rebuje, Ribolla Gialla, Slovenia	36
NV	Albert Bichot, Creamant Brut Rose, Bourgogne	48
2009	Von Buhl, Riesling Sekt Brut	49
	<i>Fruity, light and with a citrus fragrance, it is the perfect opening to any celebration. The fruit aromas are caressed by a fine yeast bouquet, reminiscent of freshly baked bread. Suppleness, fruit and spirit are brought together on the palate.</i>	
NV	Mansard, Brut Rose, Champagne, France	85
NV	Ployez- Jacquemart, Passion, Extra Brut, Champagne, France	89
	<i>Complex and alluring, with rich, spicy, buttery pear and vanilla flavors that are focused and intense. Nutty, doughy notes turn creamy on the complex, long finish.</i>	
NV	Bollinger, Special Cuvee, Brut, Champagne, France	108
	<i>Complex and elegant, evoking ginger, jasmine, citrus and honey aromas and flavors, accented by a biscuit and grain component coming as much from barrel fermentation as yeast aging.</i>	
2002	Ployez-Jacquemart, Brut, Blanc de Blancs	120
	<i>Buttered popcorn, pencil shavings and grapefruit provide the flavor spectrum. An elegant, smoky finish.</i>	
NV	Bauget-Jouette, Brut Rose, Champagne	139

CHARDONNAY-NEW WORLD (33 Choices)

(California/South Africa/)

2008	Landmark, California	30
2007	Kenneth Volk, Sta Rita Hills, California	30
2006	Coquelicot, Santa Ynez Valley, California	30
2005	Windbreak, Santa Lucia Highlands, California	30
2009	Ortman, Santa Ynez Valley, California	30
2010	Fin de Mundo, Reserve, Argentina	30
2009	Heron, California	32
2008	Cordon, Santa Barbara County, California	32
2008	Shipwreck, Carneros, Napa Valley, California	32
2008	Tolosa, No Oak, Edna Valley, California	32
2008	Sarah's Vineyard, Central Coast, California	33
NV	Jack, Chablis, California	35
2008	Fontes & Phillips, Santa Barbara, California	36
2009	Michel-Schlumberger, La Brume, Sonoma County, California	36
2008	Alma Rosa, Santa Barbara County, California	36
2009	Trinitas, Carneros, California	36
2009	Neil Ellis, South Africa	38
2008	Tolosa, Barrel Fermented, Edna Valley, California	40
2008	Double T, Napa Valley, California	42
2010	Clos Pepe, Estate Grown, Ste. Rita Hills, California	45
	<i>Nose shows green apple, Asian pear, hazelnut and a streak of chalky minerals—hints of California style integrated with a very complex and enticing Chablisienne structure.</i>	
2009	Seagrape, Huber Vineyard, Sta Rita Hills, California	49
	<i>A bouquet of semi-tropical notes; vanilla bean, kaffir leaves and hints of guava. A yin and yang of bright citrusy acids and soft round honeysuckle mingle with tropical key lime and just ripe pineapple</i>	
2008	Sierra Madre Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, California	49
	<i>Pear, peach and honey on the nose. Lush and creamy but lively, with sweet pit fruit flavors and complicating spice and toasted nut qualities. A rich but focused chardonnay that finishes with good breadth, sweetness and clinging spiciness.</i>	
2007	Marimar Estate, Acero, Russian River, California	49
2009	La Fenetre, Santa Maria Valley, California	50
2009	The Terraces, Napa Valley, California	59

CHARDONNAY-NEW WORLD (33 Choices)

(California)

1994 Kalin, Livermore Valley, California	60
<i>Bold, ripe, rich and supple, boasting silky texture and tiers of honey, pear, spice and hazelnuts that unfold gently.</i>	
2009 Barnett, Sangiacomo Vineyard, Sonoma, California	65
<i>Tropical notes of pineapple are first apparent, followed by red apple and ripe meyer lemon custard. This is complimented by moderate amounts of fig and soapstone minerality. The richness on the palate is surrounded with flavors of apple pie and honeydew melon.</i>	
2009 Brewer Clifton, Sta Rita Hills, California	69
2009 Deovlet, Solomon Hills, Santa Maria Valley, California	69
<i>Fresh, crisp, vibrant aromas of pear, apple, pineapple, and hints of crème brulee open up to more citrusy lemon zest and vanilla. The delicate palate shows loads of fruit and mineral with a beautiful texture and length.</i>	
2008 Stewart, Sonoma Mountain, California	69
2009 Williams Selyem, Hawks Hill Vineyard, Russian River, California	149
2009 Williams Selyem, Drake Vineyard, Russian River, California	179
2004 Aubert, Sonoma County, California	180

CHARDONNAY-OLD WORLD (7 Choices)

2007 Cave de Lugny, Les Charmes, Macon, France	30
2008 Albert Bichot, Bourgogne, Vieilles Vignes, France	36
2008 CB Initials, Morocco	36
2009 Jafflin, Bourgogne, France	36
2009 Christian Vergier, Cuveé Eros, Macon-Villages, France	39
<i>Lovely scents of golden apple, pear and citrus, clean, distinctly Burgundian minerality.</i>	
2006 Domaine Rolet, Cotes de Jura, France	49
<i>Good balance between acidity and roundness, presence, palate confirms the nose and the wine good grip on the palate, good complexity with flavors of apples and flowers.</i>	
2009 Albert Bichot, Puligny-Montrachet, France	80
<i>This has lovely ripe fruit, exhibiting apple, lemon cake, honey and mineral notes. Open and inviting, yet with a bright structure and fine balance, followed by a long, toasty and creamy aftertaste.</i>	

SAUVIGNON BLANC-NEW WORLD (11 Choices)

(California/Australia/New Zealand)

2009 Alta Rangi, Marlborough, New Zealand	30
2009 Four Sisters, Central Victoria, Australia	30
2010 Four Sisters, Central Victoria, Australia	30
2009 Pear Valley Winery, Pear Valley, Paso Robles	30
<i>Vivid aromatics of grapefruit, passion fruit and lime, with hints of green apple. A lively mouthful with bright flavors of nectarine, grapefruit, pear, citrus and pineapple.</i>	
2010 Dry Creek Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County	30
2010 Mission Estate, Hawks Bay, New Zealand	32
2008 Page, Napa Valley	32
<i>Aromas of key lime, citrus, and passion fruit. Big on flavors of citrus and lime with a lively texture.</i>	
2008 Osseus, Santa Ynez Valley	33
2010 Barnett, Dry Creek, Sonoma County	45
1997 Kalin, Potter Valley, California	49
<i>Intense Medium yellow. Crystallized lemon peel; smells like a mature white Graves Rich, fat & minerally.</i>	
2008 White Hills, Sta Rita Hills	79
<i>Muted grassiness on the nose, with lemon zest and goose berry in the for front. Minerals wet stone a floral aspects give way to an incredible refreshing finish.</i>	

SAUVIGNON BLANC-OLD WORLD (4 Choices)

(France/Italy/Morocco)

2008 Domaine de Chatenoy, Clement, Menetou Salon, Loire Valley, France	35
<i>Vivid citrus bouquet, and rich palate of white peach and flowers.</i>	
2008 Domaine Sylvain Bailey, Quincy, Loire Valley, France	36

SAUVIGNON BLANC-OLD WORLD (4 Choices)

(France/Italy/Morocco)

- 2009 **Medallion**, Zenata, Morocco 39
Distinctive sauvignon blanc aromas, dry & minerally with hints of green apples, pleasantly full & round palate.
- 2008 **Ronco dei Tassi**, Sauvignon, Collio, Italy 39
Complex and delicate on the nose, with mineral, flint and light tropical fruit. Medium-bodied, featuring good fruit and a balanced finish.

PINOT GRIGIO/ PINOT GRIS (7 Choices)

(California/Washington/Italy/Slovenia)

- 2010 **Red Tree**, California 30
- 2008 **Peralta**, Columbia Valley, Washington 30
- 2009 **Zellina**, Pinot Grigio, Friuli, Italy 30
- 2007 **Civello**, Pinot Grigio Blend, California 30
Baked nuts and spice with tropical flavors and white peach and The taste is crisp, but full.
- 2009 **Giocato**, Primorska, Slovenia 32
Full of pear and apple, but also holds a tropical sweetness. Hints of pear and stone fruit flavors balanced by the crisp acidity of lemon and some mineral undertones.
- 2009 **Alma Rosa**, Pinot Gris, Santa Barbara County 35
- 2010 **Flying Goat**, Pinot Gris, Santa Maria 39

VIOGNIER (3 Choices)

(California/Australia)

- 2009 **Opolo**, Central Coast 30
- 2008 **Four Sisters**, Australia 32
- 2009 **Roots**, Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla, Washington 49

RHÔNE VARITALS-NEW WORLD (5 Choices)

(California)

- 2007 **Anaba**, Viognier, Roussanne, Marsanne, Grenache Blanc, Sonoma Valley 39
- 2006 **Blackbart**, Marsanne, Napa Valley 39
- 2007 **Sol Rouge**, Gypsy Blanc (Roussanne, Marsanne, Viognier), Russian River 42
Blend of Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier, full-bodied with a bit of the peach and apricot.
- 2005 **Copain**, Roussanne, Paso Robles 49
- 2010 **Curran**, Grenache Blanc, Santa Ynez Valley 49

FRANCE-ALSACE (5 Choices)

- 2007 **Albert Mann**, Auxerrois V.V. 45
Mango and pineapple accenting flavors of apple and orange. balanced, with juicy acidity and a clean finish.
- 2007 **Albert Mann**, Tokay Pinot Gris, Furstentum 59
Acidity, fleshed out by white peach and candied orange peel flavors. Hints of smoke and spice linger on the finish.
- 2001 **Zind Humbrecht**, Hunawhir Clos Windsbuhl, Gewurtztraminer 79
Round, opulent and well-integrated, this white delivers honey, crème brûlée and tropical fruit flavors enmeshed in its silky texture and full-bodied frame.
- 2002 **Domiane Zind-Humbrecht**, Pinot Gris 79
- 2001 **Zind Humbrecht**, Heimboung Truckheim, Gewurtztraminer 89
Some residual sweetness and plenty of honey and dried fruit flavors in a creamy texture, yet there's a fine structure here keeping it very lively and fresh.

GERMANY (7 Choices)

- 2009 **Pfeffingen**, Dry Riesling, Fuhrmann 30
- 2009 **Wirsching Estate**, Silvaner, Dry, Franken 30
- 2007 **Salwey**, Pinot Gris, Baden 39
- 2006 **Becker**, Pinot Blanc, Kalkgestein 48
- 2005 **Bert Simon**, Serriger Herrenberg, Riesling, Spatlese, Mosel 54
Fresh and succulent, with lime, peach, cream and mineral flavors and a vibrant structure. Harmonious and multifaceted, combining the ripeness of 2005 with the elegant character of the Mosel.

GERMANY (7 Choices)

- 2008 **Von Buhl, Riesling Dry “GG”, Forster Pechstein** 79
Begins with fruity, subtle, exotic, yellow aromas, superseded by a closed, dense character with that typical mineral saltiness, which finds its perfection in a long, youthful, fresh, lasting elegance.
- 2005 **Gunderloch-Wackenheimer Rothenberg, Riesling, Grand Cru, Rheinhessen** 89
Concentrated and powerful, with racy flavors of dried quince, pear and ginger. Mineral and spice power through to the crisp, structured finish.

ADDITIONAL WHITE VARIETALS (33 Choices)

*All of these regional wines are selected individually for uniqueness in flavors and style
(France, Portugal, Argentina, Spain, Italy, California, Oregon)*

- 2009 **Fattoria Laila, Verdicchio dei Casteli di Jesi, Italy** 30
Good green apple, floral and mineral character, turning rather tart on the palate. Bright straw yellow with greenish reflections. Delicate, with a slight fragrance of wild flowers. Dry and smoothly with a slightly bitter aftertaste. This wine can be considered as one of the highest quality white wines.) Food suggestion: Aperitifs, starters and fish.
- 2008 **Quinta de Cabriz, Malvasia Fina, Dao, Portugal** 30
Light and charming white is a blend of Malvasia Fina, Cercealand the local Bical.
- 2008 **Castellana Inspiracion Pampano, Verdejo & Viura, Rueda, Spain** 30
Blend of Verdejo contributes the melon and peach flavors and Viura adds some citrus and extra drive from acidity.
- 2008 **Martin Fierro, Chardonnay/ Torrontes, Argentina** 30
Tasty and lively in the mouth, this blend of Chardonnay and Argentina's calling card, Torrontes, boasts flavors of key lime pie, aromas of lemon blossoms and a persistent, bright finish; such a delicious white wine.
- 2009 **Dry Creek Vineyard, Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg, California** 30
Aromas of honeysuckle, pineapple, white peach and honeydew melon. On the palate, the wine expresses soft apple notes, cantaloupe, and pineapple, happily mingling with underlying chalky minerality and freshly grated lemon zest that keeps this wine fresh and crisp.
- 2009 **Dancing Coyote, Albarino, Clarksburg, California** 30
Clean, crisp, dry. intense aromas of passion fruit, ripe citrus, honey and peaches. Well balanced with a fresh acidity.
- 2010 **Case Ibadini, Insolia, Acate, Italy** 30
- 2010 **Adegas Gran Vinum, Nessa, Albarino, Rias Baixas, Spain** 32
Bright, refreshing wines with fresh citrus fruit character and firm minerality.
- 2010 **Marcelli Clara Passerina, “Raffa”, Passerina, Marche, Italy** 32
Floral with notes of citrus.
- 2009 **Quinta de Azevedo, Loureiro, & Arinto, Portugal, VINO Verde, Portugal** 32
A lively wine, with a fine and elegant aroma, captures the freshness of melon and peach aromas with floral and citrus undertones. On the palate, the stimulating acidity, well contained in the wine's volume, complements the good aromatic intensity and gives the wine a long and lingering finish.
- 2009 **Le Marsure, Friulano, Italy** 32
This fantastic white is very fresh with floral and mineral aromas and a round and nicely textured palate with the classic almond notes that Tocai Friulano is known for (now known only as Friulano).
- 2008 **Domaine de Coussergues, Chardonnay & Viognier, Vin de Pays, France** 32
This lovely white exhibits floral and fruity aromas of peach and apricot. Fresh, crisp and round in the mouth. Pear and tropical fruit flavors, soft texture and refreshing acidity. Excellent with poultry & fish.
- 2009 **Verus, Furmint, Slovenia** 33
Golden colour, a deep, quincy, overripe, relatively simple nose. “Some friendly mineral notes, too” – I added, whatever that means. Lively acidity on the palate, that also lingers on in the aftertaste, thus creating an interesting contrast between the nose and the palate. A different, but approachable and enjoyable wine.
- 2007 **Franco-Fiorina, Gavi de Gavi, Italy** 35
- 2009 **Valdelainos, Verdejo, Rueda, Spain** 35
- NV **Candoni, Moscato d'Italia, Italy** 35
- 2007 **Gramona Gessami, Muscat Blend, Penedes, Spain** 35
- 2008 **Château de la Roulerie, Chenin Blanc, Anjou, France** 36
Tangy white peach and nectarine notes backed by a juicy, mineral-driven finish. Shows nice cut and length.
- 2009 **Saint Andre de Figuiere, Valerie, Rolle & Semillon, Cote de Provence, France** 39
- 2010 **La Fenetre, Dr. Klapper, Riesling, Santa Ynez Valley, California** 40
Sweet and viscous on the palate balanced by citrus with notes of salted yellow plum, lychee, ripe apricot and a hint of sage. Finishes clean with bright acidity and minerality as well as a hint of petrol.

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2009	Verdad, Albarino, Sawyer Linquist Vineyard, Edna Valley, California	41
<i>Medium bodied with bright flavors of peaches, minerals, layered with hints of bitter almonds and apricots in concert with high notes of Meyer lemons.</i>		
2007	Domaine Sauveuse, Vermantino, Uni Blanc, Cote de Provence, France	42
<i>Powerful and beautifully complex, with a very discreet woodiness to accompany floral and mango notes. Full on the palate with a long fruity finish and good acidity.</i>		
2007	Curren, Gewurztraminer, Santa Ynez Valley, California	45
2009	Navarro, Gewurztraminer, Mendocino, California	49
<i>Nicely juicy, with a fresh acidity, spicy details and faint rose water, peach and apple pie flavors that are pleasing and aromatic.</i>		
2008	Zuani, Tocai Friulano, Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Collio Bianco, Italy	49
<i>Pure, lightly spiced distinct citrus fruit and hints of oak and vanilla Well-extracted fruit from late harvested grapes.</i>		
2008	Saint Andre de Figuiere, Veilles Vignes, Rolle & Semillon, Cotes de Provence	55
2003	Domaine des Baumard, Trie Speciale, Savennières, Anjou, Loire, France	59
<i>Lovely depth of character. It is honeyed and yet dry, rounded and yet broad and firm with low acidity.</i>		
2006	Laffourcade "Clos la Royaute" Savennieres Chenin Blanc, Loire, France	59
2009	Robert Foley, Semillion, Napa Valley, California	59
2006	Saint Andre de Figuiere, Vermentino, Cotes de Provence, France	69
2003	Domaine des Baumard, Clos de Sainte Catherine, Coteaux du Layon, France	79
<i>A gorgeous bouquet of gardenia, quince jelly, orange, and pineapple. Succulent and rich yet wafting and dynamic in its palate interchange of mineral, floral, zesty and pungently herbal, and richly fruited elements.</i>		
2005	Domaine des Baumard, Clos de Sainte Catherine, Coteaux du Layon, France	79
<i>Rich and ripe, with glazed fruit, apple tartine and fig paste notes backed by a rich texture and a long, creamy finish, where the lingering fig and green almond notes keep pulling you back. Combines power and precision.</i>		
2005	Jean-Louis Chave, Hermitage Blanc, North Rhone Valley, France	375
<i>Ripe and dense, but pure and beautifully rendered, with gorgeous mango, quince, fig and pear fruit flavors woven together and offset by quinine, paraffin and blanched almond notes. The finish just sings with fruit, minerality and a kiss of toast. 95 points WS</i>		

ROSÉ (15 Choices)

(California/Spain/France)

2010	Chateau Routas, Coteaux Varios, Provence	30
2010	Domaine La Renaudie, Perle de Rose, Touraine, France	30
2009	Fontes and Phillips, Panky, Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, Santa Ynez Valley	30
<i>Tons of fruit on the nose, grapefruit and apricot among them. The taste is buttery, creamy, with vanilla notes.</i>		
2009	Quo, Grenache Rosé, Campo de Borja, Spain	30
<i>Fruity and fragrant. Luscious cherry and firm cranberry that lasts with silky feel.</i>		
2009	La Fenetre, A Cote, Paso Robles	30
2010	Tolosa, Edna Valley	30
<i>Perfume of melon, peach and tropical fruit as well as fresh red berries. While bone dry, the fruit flavors sweeten the palate impression.</i>		
2010	Breezette, Cotes de Provence, France	30
2008	Sol Rouge, Lake County	32
2010	Wirsching Estate, Rose, Germany	34
2009	Halter Ranch, Paso Robles	36
2009	Alma Rosa, El Jabali, Pinot Noir, Vin Gris, Santa Barbara County	36
2008	Domaine Fouassier, Rose Sancerre, Loire Valley	46
<i>A delicate and subtle rosé with a nose of rosehips and redcurrants. Soft and fresh with more summer fruit flavours and an off-dry finish.</i>		
2010	Virage, Cabernet Franc, Rose, Napa Valley	48
2010	Bastide Blanche, (Mourvèdre & Grenache) Bandol, Provence, France	49
<i>This rosé features ripe, robust flavors of dark fruit, with notes of chocolate and spice on the juicy finish.</i>		
2010	Jean-Pierre Gaussen, (Mourvèdre, Cinsaut & Grenache) Bandol, France	54
<i>Red plums, raspberries, tobacco-y earth notes, wild herbs and flowers..</i>		

PINOT NOIR-NEW WORLD (63 Choices)*(California/Oregon/New Zealand/Chile/Argentina)*

2009 Fleur, Carneros, California	30
<i>The brilliant ruby color sets the stage for aromas of ripe cherry and cranberry, with hints of white pepper and nutmeg.</i>	
2009 Terrior, Central Otago, New Zealand	30
<i>Direct, fruity expression of Central Otago Pinot Noir, with black cherry and weight on the palate.</i>	
2009 Mandolin, Monterey California	30
<i>A rich wine that features bright cherry and raspberry fruit with hints of spice, leather and cedar.</i>	
2007 Cima Collina, Chula Vina, Monterey California	30
<i>Dark cherry, spicy and toasty character compliment the velvety tannins.</i>	
2007 Cima Collina, Monterey California	30
<i>Black cherry and plum aromas. Notes of toasted cedar and spice are well intergrated. The balance and complexity of this new wine is achieved in large part from its velvety tannins.</i>	
2006 Carr Vineyards, Harvest Girl, Santa Barbara California	32
2008 Fin de Mundo, Reserve, Argentina	34
2008 Stephen Ross, Central Coast, California	34
2006 Badge, Sta Rita Hills, California	36
2000 Cremaschi Furlotti, Maule Valley, Chile	39
2008 Moshin, Sonoma County, California	40
2009 A Côte, Central Coast, California	40
2009 Cazar, Sonoma Coast, California	41
2009 Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara County, California	42
2009 Joyce Vineyards, Monterey, California	45
2005 Westwood, Sonoma Valley, California	45
2006 Mahoney, Carneros, California	48
<i>It's dry, silky and pure in raspberries, cherries and Dr. Pepper cola, with a rich overlay of oak.</i>	
2009 Enkidu, Sonoma Coast, California	49
<i>The 2009 Sonoma Coast features a blend from four vineyards with each contributing to the great complexity of bright red fruit and earth. Spice and red raspberry combined with candied ripe black cherries.</i>	
2009 Dragonette Cellars, Santa Rita Hills, California	45
2008 Montage, Flocchini Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, California	52
2008 Abigal Adams, Cameo, Carneros, California	54
2009 Rex Hill, Willamette Valley, Oregon	55
2007 Seagrape, Huber Vineyard, Sta Rita Hills, California	55
2008 Armida Winery, Durell Vineyard, Sonoma, California	55
2009 Anthill Farms, Anderson Valley, California	
2009 Benovia, Sonoma, California	57
<i>Aromas of black cherry, red raspberry, and autumnal spices introduce this complex and intense Pinot Noir. The wine's juicy mouthfeel is supported by centered acidity building with intensity to the fine grain tannins on the finish.</i>	
1999 Pisoni, Santa Lucia, California	59
2009 Alma Rosa, El Jabali Vineyard, Sta Rita Hills, California	59
2009 Sojourn, Sonoma Coast, California	59
2006 Marimar, La Masia, Russian River, California	59
2006 D'Alfonso-Curran, Rancho las Hermanas, Sta Rita Hills, California	59
2008 Figge, Paraiso Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands, California	59
2008 Anthill Farms, Anderson Valley, California	59
2007 Matthew D. Taylor, Michaud Vineyard, Monterey County, California	60
2009 Highlands, Marlborough, New Zealand	60
<i>An impressive Pinot displaying perfumed aromas of dark cherry, mushroom, floral and subtle cedary oak. It's concentrated on the palate with velvety texture and gently drying tannins. The wine is expansive and full of delicious flavours.</i>	
2007 Mahoney, Las Brisas, Carneros, California	64
<i>Red berry fruit aromas that precede the nicely detailed, pure and layered medium-bodied flavors that possess a dusty and sappy mouth feel while finishing with a slightly austere and dry finish, full of delicious flavours.</i>	
2007 Baileyana, Grand Firepeak Vineyard, Edna Valley	65
2003 Loring Wine Company, Clos Pepe Vineyard, Santa Rita Hills, California	69

PINOT NOIR-NEW WORLD (63 Choices)*(California/Oregon/New Zealand/Chile/Argentina)*

2006 P2, Brosseau Vineyard, Chalone, California	69
<i>Fresh and lively, with vivid black cherry, spice, hazelnut and cedar notes. Ends with a clean, crisp finish.</i>	
2007 Flying Goat, Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard, Santa Rita Hills, California	69
2007 Flying Goat, Salisbury, San Luis Obispo, California	69
2006 Flying Goat, Soloman Hills, Santa Maria, California	69
2006 Anthill Farms, Demuth Vineyard, Anderson Valley, California	69
2007 Mountford Estate, Liason, Waipara, New Zealand	69
<i>Black cherry, plum and black olive on the entry, sturdy tannins yet retaining finesse with a primal, broody finish.</i>	
2009 La Fenetre, Santa Maria Valley, California	78
2007 Heart o' the Mountain, Santa Cruz Mountains, California	78
<i>Aromas of cherry liqueur and cocoa. The palate tastes of dark red fruits and cinnamon spice. There is a lovely note of espresso on the finish.</i>	
2007 Moshin Vineyards, Sonoma Coast, California	79
2009 Brewer-Clifton, Sta Rita Hills, California	79
<i>Exotic head shop aromas suggest red fruits, bayberry, cinnamon and patchouli, with a suave blood orange character. Spicy redcurrant and strawberry flavors are seductively perfumed and pure.</i>	
2006 Alesia, Falstaff Road Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, California	80
<i>Aromas of black cherry, stewed plum and wild berry offer a ripe, sweetish edge on the palate before firming up on the finish, with a dash of cola.</i>	
2006 Bjornstad Cellars, Hellenthal Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, California	85
<i>Fruit forward core with chocolate covered cherries, layers of licorice, mineral and East Indian spices.</i>	
2006 JCB #11, Sonoma Coast Collection, California	89
<i>Maple, cinnamon and sliced apple with hints of black earth. Exotic dark honey, nutmeg and tart rhubarb flavors.</i>	
2009 Deovlet, La Encantada Vineyard, Sta Rita Hills, California	90
<i>Notes of raspberry, red pinot and spice hints that lead to round, naturally sweet and seductively textured medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a delicious, rich and well-balanced finish that is not as complex as the nose but overall.</i>	
2009 William Selyem, Russian River Valley, California	99
2009 Sojourn, Gap's Crown, Sonoma Coast	99
<i>A bold, concentrated wine with a velvety hue, dark fruit aromas, and hints of baking spice. In the mouth, supple tannins lead to a long, lingering finish.</i>	
2009 Sojourn, Rodger's Creek, Sonoma Coast	99
<i>Rich spices and dark cherry flavors. Pure fruit profile, while still showing nuances of mushroom, earth, and spice.</i>	
2009 Barnett, Savoy Vineyard, Anderson Valley	110
<i>Nose of cherry bloom and cinnamon. The aromatics are also filled with cranberry tart, spring rain, earl gray tea and gravel minerality. The mid palette is opulent for pinot, with fresh cherry as well as clove spice.</i>	
2008 Le Fenetre, Le Bon Climat, Santa Maria Valley	115
<i>Black cherry and strawberry jam dominate the entry, minerality and herbaceousness on the mid-palate, and framed with toasty oak and a hit of vanilla, but the finish all cinnamon.</i>	
2009 Williams Selyem, Eastside Road Neighbors, Russian River	149
<i>Deep ruby. Riper and more powerful than the Westside Neighbors bottling, displaying aromas of cherry, blackberry, licorice and dark chocolate. Broad, fleshy and warm, with good depth to its dark fruit flavors and a touch of bitter cherry on the back half. The pliant, long finish features repeating dark berry notes. Cabral noted that this is a warmer area than the west side of the river and that these are almost all Dijon clones "so the wine can be expected to be darker in character and more brashy than the Westside." 90 points Tanzer</i>	
2009 Williams Selyem, Flax Vineyard, Russian River	169
<i>Glass-staining ruby. Lively, complex aromas of cherry compote, licorice, black tea and violet. Youthfully taut on entry, then suaver and silkier with air, showing excellent intensity and depth to its bitter cherry, black raspberry and spicecake flavors. Displays impressive volume without excess weight and finishes sappy and long, with well-integrated tannins. This young but very refined pinot will reward patience. 93 points Tanzer</i>	
2009 Williams Selyem, Vista Verde Vineyard, Russian River	169
<i>Ruby-red. Deep, sexy aromas of blackberry liqueur, cherry, vanilla bean, rose and Moroccan spices. Broad, sappy and sweet, offering palate-coating red and dark berry flavors and silky tannins. With air, this picks up exotic floral notes that carry through the smoky, lip-smacking finish. On the muscular side but not lacking for energy. Give this a little air. 92 points Tanzer</i>	
2009 Williams Selyem, Weir Vineyard, Russian River	169
<i>Wood frames spicy black fruit aromas and fresh, velvety flavors that coat the mouth on the solidly long finish.</i>	

PINOT NOIR-NEW WORLD

(California/Oregon/New Zealand/Chile/Argentina)

2009 **Williams Selyem, Bucher Vineyard, Russian River** 169

Bright ruby-red. Highly complex nose evokes dried red berries, cherry and potpourri, with exotic spice and herb notes emerging as the wine opens in the glass. Takes on depth with air, showing bitter cherry and black raspberry on the palate. Dusty tannins add grip to very long, intense finish, which features a late note of refreshingly bitter blood orange. This definitely deserves patience. 93 points Tanzer

2009 **Williams Selyem, Precious Mountain, Russian River** 295

Bright ruby-red. Seductive aromas of red berries, rose oil and five-spice powder, with a lively mineral element adding energy and lift. Juicy, vibrant and pure, with concentrated flavors showing a range of red fruits and a musky note of rhubarb. Finishes impressively clean and brisk, with excellent depth and plenty of flavor impact. Develops a wild, herbal-spicy character with air. 94 points Tanzer

PINOT NOIR-OLD WORLD (9 Choices)

(Burgundy/Alsace/Germany/Austria)

2008 **Albert Bichot, Bourgogne, Vieilles Vignes** 36

2005 **Domaine Robert Arnoux, Vosne Romanée, 375ml** 49

Wood frames spicy black fruit aromas and fresh, velvety flavors that coat the mouth on the solidly long finish.

2008 **Domaine du Chateau de Chorey, Chateau Germain, VV, Bourgogne** 49

Offers lovely sappy fruit, evoking blackberry, black currant and spice flavors.

2007 **Albert Bichot, Vosne Romanee, Les Malconsorts, 1er Cru** 199

2003 **Bouchard Père & Fils, Le Corton, Grand Cru** 299

1993 **Domaine Jean Grivot, Vosne Romanée, Les Beaux Monts, Premier Cru** 325

2007 **Albert Bichot, Grand Echezeaux, Grand Cru** 350

2002 **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Cuvée Duvault-Blochot, Premier Cru** 595

Spice, pepper and exuberant black fruit and floral aromas lead to pure, delicious, round and very intense middle weight flavors that offer really lovely finishing detail and fine persistence.

1995 **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, La Tache, Grand Cru** 1,900

Suppleness in the tannins without compromising the compact mineral, wet earth and ironlike flavors that express this grand cru's terroir. Balanced, with lots of beautiful fruit, but above all it has pleasure and harmony etched all over it.

SYRAH & RHÔNE BLENDS (GSM)-NEW WORLD (12 Choices)

(California, Oregon, Washington)

2006 **Consilience, Santa Barbara, California** 39

2006 **Dubost, Paso Robles, California** 45

2003 **Unti, Dry Creek Valley, California** 49

2005 **Spring Mountain, Napa Valley, California** 49

2005 **Anthill Farms, Russian River, California** 59

2005 **Copain, Harrison Clarke, Santa Ynez Valley, California** 60

2005 **Copian, Madder Lake, Lake County, California** 60

2007 **Carr, Morehouse, Santa Ynez Valley, California** 65

Raspberry, blueberry, plum, cured meat and spice. Good texture with ripe, fine tannins and a juicy mid-palate.

2004 **Alesia, Chileno Valley, Sonoma Coast, California** 69

2003 **Rockblock, Del Rio Vineyard, Rouge Valley, Oregon** 69

2005 **Arcadian, Hommage A Max, Santa Ynez Valley, California** 120

2001 **Laird Family, Dyer Ranch, Napa Valley, California** 195

SHIRAZ-NEW WORLD (8 Choices)

(Australia)

2008 **Piping Shrike, Barossa** 30

2007 **Mitolo, Jester, McLaren Vale** 32

2008 **Ross, Lights Out, Shiraz, Barossa** 34

Rich in texture, this full-bodied Shiraz offers ripe currant, plum and spice flavors, with a wave of coffee and tobacco notes making the finish more interesting.

2005 **Engine Room, Shiraz, McLaren Vale** 39

Round and supple, with vibrant, sweet red and dark fruit character, no rough edges and impressive back-end clarity. Finishes with a lingering dark berry character.

SHIRAZ-NEW WORLD (8 Choices)*(Australia)*

2006	S.C. Pannell, Shiraz-Grenache, McLaren Vale	42
	<i>Smooth-textured, ripe, and intensely flavored, mineral, earth notes, blueberry, black cherry, and blackberry.</i>	
2003	Mitolo, G.A.M., McLaren Vale	139
	<i>Aromas of lead pencil shavings, blackberries, blueberries, cassis, licorice, new oak, and scorched earth.</i>	
2009	Glaetzer, Amon Ra, Barossa	180

CABERNET SAUVIGNON/MERITAGE -NEW WORLD (22 Choices)*(California/Washington/Oregon/Australia)*

2009	Beaver Creek, Cabernet Sauvignon, Lake County	30
2007	Tolosa, Paso Robles	30
	<i>Enticing aromas of black currant, black cherry, and cassis along with nuances of cream soda and toasty oak tantalize the nose. Flavors reminiscent of black berry preserves and cassis are accentuated by nutmeg and all spice to fill the palate.</i>	
2006	William Harrison, Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	37
2007	Envy, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	45
2007	Richie Creek, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	55
2008	Ilaria, The Traveling Roo, Napa Valley	58
2004	Barlow, Barrouge, Cabernet, Napa	69
	<i>Delivers enticing aromas of cola and cherry before revealing dark, rich berries, cassis, and black cherries.</i>	
2005	Terrazas, Afincado, Argentina	69
2007	Kent Rasmussen, Mt Veeder, Napa Valley	69
2007	San Antonio, Cask 520, Private Reserve, Paso Robles	69
2006	Tete Brulee, Mount Veeder, Napa Valley	79
2005	Brion, Napa Valley	86
2008	Ellman Family, Brothers Blend, Napa Valley	89
2007	Virage, Bordeaux Blend, Napa Valley	89
1984	Laurel Glen, Sonoma	89
2008	Riboli Family, Rutherford, Napa Valley	89
2004	Glaetzer, Godolphin, Barossa. Australia	135
2004	Rudd, Oakville Estate, Proprietary Red, Napa Valley	160
	<i>A dense, rich, loamy style, with deep, concentrated currant, anise, sage and herb flavors that are focused and distinctive, fleshing out on the finish, where the flavors are persistent.</i>	
2007	Winter Winery, Napa Valley	210
	<i>Offers gorgeous fruit, with amazing purity of flavor, delivering rich, concentrated, supple layers of currant, blackberry, black licorice and mocha, with subtle loamy earth.</i>	
2004	Paul Hobbs, Hyde Vineyard, Napa Valley	275
	<i>Ripe plum and wild berry fruit is plush and opulent, with aromas of dark berry fruit that are supple and elegant on the palate, ending with smooth tannins.</i>	
2007	Peter Michael, L'esprit des Pavots, Bordeaux Blend, Napa Valley	279
	<i>Blueberry, vanilla bean, licorice, chocolate, cedar and coffee. The younger vines produce fruit that brings additional aromas of black cherry, strawberry, plum and red pepper to the complex bouquet. The palate is rich, concentrated and full-bodied exhibiting abundant, youthful, yet supple tannins and a lingering finish.</i>	
2005	Promise, Napa Valley	399

MERLOT-NEW WORLD (11 Choices)*(California, Washington)*

2009	Heron, Mendocino	30
	<i>Red and black cherries, dark plum, a touch of vanilla, and well-integrated soft tannins.</i>	
2009	Alberti, Mendoza, Argentina	30
2005	San Simeon, Paso Robles	30
2007	Langetwins Family, Clarksburg	30
2006	Opolo, Paso Robles	32
	<i>Ripe plum, cherry and blackberry flavors with hints of cassis & cedar.</i>	
N/V	Jack, Claret Merlot Blend, Napa Valley	32
	<i>Dry and fruity with a lasting spicy finish. The quintessential Merlot.</i>	



MERLOT-NEW WORLD (11 Choices)*(California, Washington)*

2007	Warrior Red, Washington	35
2006	Korbin Kameron, Sonoma Mountain	36
2006	Pietra Santa Winery, Cienega Valley, Monterey	35
	<i>Ripe plum, cherry and blackberry flavors with hints of cassis and cedar.</i>	
2005	Rezonja, Sonoma	49

MALBEC-NEW WORLD (6 Choices)*(Argentina)*

2009	Gaucheeco Plata, Mendoza	33
2009	Parrone, Mendoza	30
2008	Amancaya, Mendoza,	32
2007	Fin de Mundo, Reserve, Argentina	32
2007	Luigi Bosca, Reserve Malbec, Mendoza	39
2010	Achaval Ferrer, Mendoza	42

A nice minerally spine drives this, with the core of damson plum, raspberry ganache and blackberry fruit staying sweet but racy and defined. Violet and graphite hints add length on the mouthwatering finish.

GRENACHE-NEW WORLD (5 Choices)*(California, Australia)*

2007	McPrice Myers, L' Ange Rouge, Santa Barbara	45
2009	Cass, Paso Robles	45
	<i>Ripe cherries, dried strawberries on the nose. A literal mouthful of red fruit, the wine bursts with sour cherry, Bing cherry, strawberry jam and pomegranate before the round, open-textured mid palate unfolds. Taut acidity, toasty oak, and notes of cedar highlight the finish.</i>	
2002	Yalumba, Bush Vines, Barossa	49
2007	Vie, L' Imaginaire, Santa Barbara County	49
	<i>Bouquet of blackberry and blueberry liqueur with a hint of pepper.</i>	
2004	Two Hands, Aerope, Barossa Valley, Australia	229
	<i>Medium red color. Floral, mineral-tinged red berry aromas, with spice notes; this could pass for a ripe Burgundy.</i>	

ZINFANDEL-NEW WORLD (12 Choices)*(California)*

2008	Beaver Creek, Lake County	30
2007	Sausal, Anderson Valley	33
2007	Trinitas, Old Vines, Mendocino	33
2008	Armida, Il Campo, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County	35
2007	Quackenbush, Lake County	36
2007	DeRose, Nick Derose Vineyard, Cienega Valley	36
	<i>Bold and robust with brilliant flavors of berries and cherries.</i>	
2008	The Terraces, Napa Valley	40
2009	Opolo, Mountain, Paso Robles	42
	<i>Raspberry jam dominates the mid-palate nuanced by savory butterscotch overtones. Vanilla, white and cayenne peppers, and cinnamon spice makes for a lively finish.</i>	
2008	Dillian, Tre Fratelli, Amador	59
	<i>The nose is toasty and smoky while the flavors are reminiscent of blackberries complemented by a rich minerality from the terroir.</i>	
2008	Old Ghost, Old Vines, Lodi	75
2009	Williams Selyem, Forchini Vineyard, Russian River	149
2009	Williams Selyem, Papera Vineyard, Russian River	149

REDS-NEW WORLD (9 Choices)*(California, Washington, Oregon)*

2007	Anaba, Gernache, Mourvedre, Petite Syrah, Sonoma Valley	30
NV	Redart, Red Table Wine, (Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Zinfandel) California	30
	<i>Shows excellent freshness of fruit, spice, lively acidity and seems to dance across the palate.</i>	

REDS-NEW WORLD (9 Choices)
(California)

2008 Jade Mountain, La Provencale, California,	32
NV Uvaggio, Rosso Vecchio, Barbera, California	34
<i>It shows nice acidity with a slight smoke overtone plus good acidity and an overall smoothness.</i>	
2007 Pietra Santa, Sangiovese, Monterey, California	36
2007 Kunin, Pape Star, Central Coast, California	36
<i>Very pinot-like in weight and fruit expression, with good finishing cut and repeating bitterness.</i>	
2005 Varozza, Petit Sirah, St Helena, Napa Valley, California	49
2007 Rancho Arroyo Grande, Mouvedre, Arroyo Grande Valley, California	90
<i>Flavors of sandalwood, black and red fruits and fresh mushrooms, and finishes slow, long and rich.</i>	
2008 Leviathan, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot Cabernet Franc, Napa Valley	96
<i>Big, ripe and elegant, firm and spicy, this supple-textured red offers a mix of anise, currant, plum, spice, tobacco leaf and cedar, gaining depth and holding its focus on the long finish.</i>	

BORDEAUX (2 Choices)
(France)

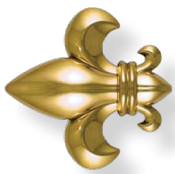
2007 Chartron la Fleur, Merlot, Cabernet, Bordeaux	36
<i>Fruity and fresh with a good balance between tannins and acidity. In the mouth, it is velvety and round.</i>	
2005 Chateau Gloria, Bordeaux	99
<i>Licorice, blackberry and fresh cèpe on the nose. Full and velvety-textured, with lots of fruit and a long, caressing finish. Pretty and rich. The best Gloria in years. 92 points WS</i>	

RHÔNE WINES (12 Choices)
(France)

2008 Domaine de la Guicharde, Côte du Rhone	30
<i>Bright cherry fruit, with a floral edge and a lightly snappy finish.</i>	
2008 Delas, Saint Esprit, Côtes du Rhône	32
2009 Domaine Alary, La Gerbaude, Cairanne	32
<i>85% Grenache and 15% old vine Carignan. Notes of black cherries, garrigue, loamy soil, spice, and leather.</i>	
2009 La Ferme du Mont, Cote du Rhone	33
2009 Domaine du Fontenille, Luberon	33
2009 Domaine des Escaravailles, Les Antimagnes, Cotes du Rhone	39
2008 Chateau Pesquie, Cotes du Ventoux, Terrasses	33
2007 Chateau Mas Neuf, Costieres de Nimes	35
2009 Domaine Galevan, L'Esprit Devin, Cote du Rhone	40
2008 Rouvre Saint Leger, Laudin, Cotes du Rhone Villages	42
2008 Chateau de Saint Cosme, Cotes du Rhone	45
2007 J.L. Chave, Hermitage	375
<i>Tight but already alluring, with gorgeous fig cake and warm cocoa aromas slowly yielding to a dark, dense core of plum, blueberry, hoisin sauce, currant reduction and maduro tobacco.</i>	

REDS-FRANCE (13 Choices)

2007 Domaine La Croix Belle, Le Champ du Coq, Syrah, Grenache, Languedoc	30
<i>Red and black berry fruit aromas. Fresh and stewed fruit flavors meld with spice, pepper and herb notes.</i>	
2008 Domaine Terres Falment, Carignan	32
2007 Jean Marc Burgaud, Cote du Puy, Morgon, V.V., Beajoulais	33
2009 Domaine Mas Conscience, La Petite Prise, Grenache, Syrah	34
2008 M. Chapoutier, Bila Haut, Cotes du Roussillon Villages	34
<i>Well-structured with black cherries and sweet meaty tannins.</i>	
2009 Domaine Luc Lapeyre, San Bres, Grenache, Languedoc	34
<i>Lavender, cracked pepper, currants and game. On the palette, more dark fruit and plenty of spice.</i>	
2002 Serge & Bruno Sourdais, Chinon, Loire Valley, Cabernet Franc, France	35
<i>soft and supple on the palate with nice red berry and herb flavors, moderate tannins and a fresh, juicy acid profile. The wine has good extract and finishes long and soft. Avoids aggressive bell pepper flavors.</i>	



REDS-FRANCE (13 Choices)

- 2005 Laffourcade Chateau Perray Jouannet, Loire Valley, Cabernet Franc, France** 35
Ripe, fruity and very tasty, with spice and pepper flavors.
- 2007 Mas de la Deuze, 66, Cotes du Roussillon Villages** 45
- 2008 Domaine Richard Rottiers, Champ de Cour, Moulin à Vent, Gamay, France** 57
- 2007 Baside Blanche, Bandol Rouge (100% Mourvèdre), Provence, France** 59
Firm, dense and chewy, displaying concentrated beef and dark plum flavors. Mineral and spice fill the pure finish, which features cocoa notes. (100% Mourvedre)
- 2006 Domaine Vincent Pinard, Sancerre Rouge (Pinot Noir), Charloise, France** 66
Modest black cherry fruit gets a dusting of spice and incense notes, followed by a slightly firm finish.
- 2007 Gausson, Bandol Rouge, (95% Mourvèdre & 5% Grenache) Bandol, France** 75
Meaty- and sanguine-tasting, with dark plum, iron and dried berry flavors. Muscular, with espresso and mocha notes.

VENETO (7 Choices)

(Italy)

- 2009 Cielo, Merlot** 30
Ruby red. Bouquet: Raspberry and huckleberry. Taste: Fruited and round. Serving suggestions: Throughout the meal, especially indicated with red meats, and, when aged, with roasts.
- 2009 Zonin, Merlot** 30
Ruby red color. Fruity nose with notes of cherry, berry fruit, and violets. Dry with balanced tannins. Goes with red meats, poultry, grills and roasts, and aged cheeses.
- 2006 Musella, Valpolicella, Vigne Nuovo, (Corvinao)** 30
Bright with red cherries, raspberry, vanilla and spice. Lots of cherry fruits and subdued tannis.
- 2008 Venturni, Valpolicella** 34
Corvina Veronese 70%, Rondinella 20-25%, Molinara 5-10%. A rich ruby-red wine, with an agreeable fruity bouquet derived from the grapes used, and a distinctive and well balanced taste. An easy to drink, medium bodied wine, and an ideal accompaniment to any meal.
- 2006 S. Ovsalvo, Lison-Pramaggiore, (Refosco) Veneto** 35
Medium tannin levels and scents of wild blackberry, whortleberry and maraschino cherries.
- 2005 Musella, Valpolicella, Ripassa, (Corvina) Veneto** 48
Light in color, offering clean cherry and vanilla character on the nose and palate, with a light velvety texture.
- 2005 Cont Anni, Amarone, Veneti** 69
Made from Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara grapes dried for 3-4 months in drying lodges. This process produces a wonderfully rich and complex wine with intense fruits of the forest flavours and a finish that lingers long and warm.

PIEMONTE (7 Choices)

(Italy)

- 2006 Stefano Farina, Nebbiolo d'Alba** 30
The grapes are thick and small with a distinctive blue shaded red skin, which is ultimately the color of the wine itself. As the wine ages it acquires a garnet-red tone. The aroma is soft, delicate and somehow reminds one of violets; the taste is dry, well balanced and velvety.
- 2008 Filippo Gallino, Nebbiolo** 32
The bouquet is forest fruits, prune and spicy. Although a quite tannic taste, it's supple and warm and the aftertaste feeling match perfectly the fragrance.
- 2009 Cascina Val del Prete, Serra de Gatti, Barbera d'Alba** 39
This 2009 offers bright intense red fruit with really unbelievable complexity, flavor and exotic spice.
- 2007 Cascina Morassino, Dolcetto d'Alba** 39
Lots of that blackberry liquor and grape jolly rancher fruit, but with significant spice box aromas and a gorgeous velvety texture but with enough tannic backbone to keep it from feeling soft.
- 2009 Molino, Dolcetto d'Alba** 39
Dark red-light purple in the glass. Spicy, plummy on the nose. Medium weight, raspberry, cranberry, cherry, quite full and plump in the mouth, spicy, high acidity, juicy, red licorice, quite rich, peppery, round, with a hint of chocolate. Quite gulpable. Tangy, mouthwatering, drying, with a mild bitter bite on the finish. Very enjoyable.
- 2007 Giacomo Conterno, Casina Francia, Barbera d'Alba** 100
Very ripe but lively aromas of black cherry and violet. Chewy, deep and supersweet, with a texture of liquid velvet to the flavors of cherry, raspberry and chocolate. 92 points WS
- 2000 Basina Cucco, Barolo, Vigna Cucco** 119
The wine shows an intense ruby red color and nuances of ruby red, little transparency. The nose denotes intense, clean, pleasing and refined aromas which start with hints of blackberry, plum and black cherry followed by aromas of blueberry, violet, vanilla, licorice, tobacco, cocoa and cinnamon.

ALTO ADIGE (1 Choice)
(Italy)

2009 **Eisacktaler Kellerei, Valle Iscaro, Lagrein** (ancient Italian varietal) 38
Robust, expressive, harmonious red wine, intense garnet red, scents of violet, wild berries, chocolate and spices with aromatic, robust, spiced flavors. Richly seasoned dishes, game, meats & strong cheeses

TUSCANY (2 Choices)
(Italy)

2006 **Fattoria, Le Bocce, Chiant Classico, Tuscany** 38
Fresh and clean, with a blackberry and dried cherry character that lead to a medium body, with bright acidity and a delicate, fruity finish.

2004 **Aglieta, "Pomo", Sangiovese, Toscano Rosso** 62
Muscular wine with beautiful aromas and flavors of mature fruit, berry, spices and tobacco. Full and velvety with integrated tannins and a long, rich finish.

UMBRIA (1 Choice)
(Italy)

2007 **Raina, Montefalco Rosso, Umbria** 35
Bright berry notes of Sangiovese, with depth and smoothness from the Merlot, and balsamic notes and firm structure from the Sagrantino.

CAMPANIA (2 Choices)
(Italy)

2004 **Mustilli, Aglianico, Sant Agata dei Goti, Cesco di Nece, Aglianico** 30
A fresh, fruity and youthful wine. Plenty of crushed berry and floral aromas. Medium-bodied, with good acidity, light tannins and a fresh finish.

2006 **Cretarossa, Aglianico, Irpinia** 30

MARCHE (2 Choices)
(Italy)

2006 **Valter Mattoni, Arshura, (Montepulciano) Marche** 63
bold, racy wine bursts from the glass with super-ripe, jammy blackberries, blueberries, herbs, spices, French oak, menthol and licorice. The Arshura is an especially rich, sumptuous wine for this part of Italy, and it offers tons of sheer personality and class.

ABRUZZO (2 Choices)
(Italy)

2009 **La Quercia, Montepulciano d' Abruzzo** 32
Nearly saturated black ruby with vivid violet highlights. Deep and at the same time bright scents of ripe, tangy red and black berries and flinty minerals. Ripe, deep, and focused flavors of cherry and blackberry, with a clean minerals and balsa wood component. Gorgeous balance of ripeness and acidity.

2008 **Tiberio, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo** 36
This is bold, chunky, delicious Montepulciano, sporting a creamy middle, loads of black fruits and baker's chocolate notes, with refined tannins thanks to malolactic in barrel followed by three months aging in the same French oak.

SICILIA (1 Choice)
(Italy)

2008 **Graci-Etna, Rosso, Nerello Mascalese, Sicilia** 49
Clean, haunting nose with nuances of lava. Very delicate, with a surging finish.

PUGLIA (2 Choices)
(Italy)

2009 **Palama, Arcangelo, Salice Salentino** 34
80% Negroamaro, 20% Malvasia Nera. Dark rich fruit, with a hint of tar. A nice little pepper note comes on the finish.

2009 **Tenute Nicola Chiaromonte, Ele, Primitivo** 49
The wine has broad, ripe black fruit and spice aromas, with notes of pepper, toasty vanilla and Mediterranean scrub. On the palate, the wine has a robust, concentrated character, a firm structure.

EMILIA-ROMAGNA (1 Choice)
(Italy)

NV **Villa Badia, Lambrusco di Sorbara (spritzy-sparkling wine)** 30
90% Lambrusco di Sorbara - 10% Lambrusco Salamino. Not a sparkling wine but the fermentation process produces a spritzy, tangy red wine. Very refreshing in summer and great with grilled chicken or pork dishes.

RIOJA (1 Choice)

(Spain)

- 2009 Bodegas Labastida, Tempanillo, Montebuena** 36
Red fruits, good acidity, tobacco, cocoa, rustic tannins, dried herbs, sweetness of fruit in the mouth. Subtle, long finish.

SPAIN-RED (5 Choices)

(Toro)

- 1998 Bajoz, Tempranillo, Tinta de Toro** 30
This quite dark, crimson coloured but warm-edged wine spends a little time (six months) in American oak, which adds a spicy, toasty aspect to the nose. The fruit is clean and compact, suggesting cherry and raspberry with a dark, liquoricy edge. On the palate there's a sweetness of vanilla at first, but this is soon swamped by a wave of polished black fruit with a spine of acidity and almost grainy, powerful tannic edge. There's something quite cool and a touch rustic about the character of this wine, with plenty of spice and alcohol in the finish and a long, tantalising blackberry fruit quality.

MONSTAT (2 Choice)

(Spain)

- 2003 Etim, Grenache, Carrignan, Tempranillo, Monstant** 30
Intense bouquet of blackcurrant, kirsch, fresh herbs and a fine oak touch. Full-bodied, well-balanced palate with loads of ripe red fruit and firm, but already quite well integrated tannins.
- 2005 Cellars de Capcanes, Mas Donis Barrica, Monstant** 32
The wine is a medium ruby in the glass, and has a nose dominated by sweet oak and bright cherry aromas. In the mouth it is medium bodied with dusty, light tannins that envelop primary flavors of sawdust and cherries which fade to a slightly mineral finish of moderate length laced again with sweet oak. Awfully good wine for the price. (80% Garnacha, 20% Syrah)

SOMONTANO (1 Choice)

(Spain)

- 2005 Bodegas Olvena, Cabernet Sauvignon, Crianza** 35
Aromas of red fruit, spices and toasted domain on a balsamic background. Showing fleshy, with a tannic structure that will allow you to continue to evolve in the bottle. The ending is subtle and prolonged.

PRIORAT (1 Choice)

(Spain)

- 2007 Mas Doix, Salanques, Cabernet-Grenache (Garnacha), Priorat** 69
Absolutely love this deep, rich, highly concentrated red from Priorat. This is a grenache blend from Mas Doix. Highly recommended!

PORTUGAL-RED (1 Choice)

- 2008 Tapada do Barão, Alentejano, Portugal** 36
Suggestive of delicate blackberry on the nose, with nice tobaccoey spice and hints of orange peel. On the palate, this is succulent, poised and elegant, exhibiting fine tannins; good aging potential

GERMANY-RED (1 Choice)

- 2008 Salwey Red Cuvee, "16 Degrees", Germany** 38
Konrad Salwey produces this cuvee from Pinot Noir and Saint Laurent, a variety with origins in the region of today's France that made its way to Germany in the mid-19th century. The grape's name most likely comes from Saint Lawrence's Day, the German festival celebrating the Christian Martyr that's observed on the 10th of August, and a date at which point the fruit become edible. Similar in color and structure to Pinot Noir with cherry notes and berry flavors of raspberry and strawberry.
- 2007 Wohlmut, Blaufränkisch, Hochberg, Burgenland, Austria** 39
An excellent example of why the Blaufränkisch grape (aka, Lemberger) is seen as one of Austria's best local varieties. Rich notes of cherry, blueberry, plum and spice on the nose. The palate is dry, soft, medium-full bodied and well structured. Very nice fruit echoes with wellintegrated tannins, a nice balancing acidity, and a lingering cherry-kissed finish.

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